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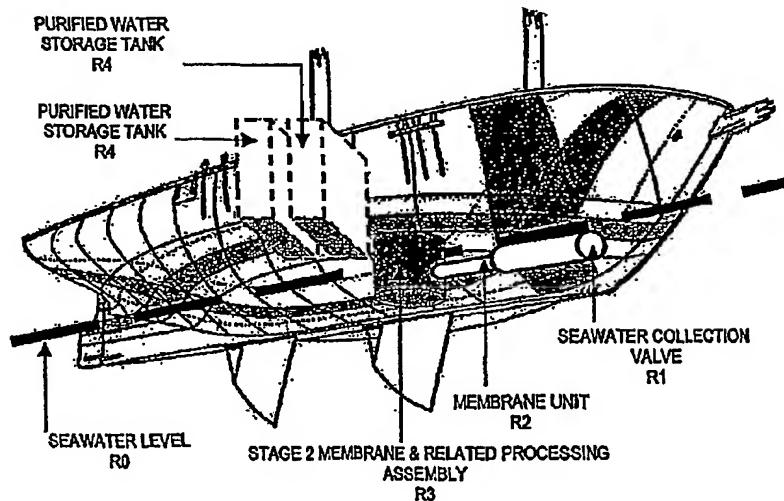


Figure 2 illustrates a perspective diagram of a sea vessel with a valve combined with additional filters and at least 1 membrane to filter seawater incoming via the said valve to yield seawater with a reduced amount of impurities, such as sodium chloride.

(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to a method and apparatus for having a integrated fluid media filtration and membrane unit within the hull of a sea-bound vessel. The vessel's propulsion will drive the flow of seawater into the media filtration and membrane unit. Multiple stages of the passing of seawater via the membrane and/or a series of progressive membranes can be implemented to reduce the level of sodium chloride present in seawater to desirable specifications.

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